

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A residual current device having a reset lockout mechanism comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a user handle connected to a compression arm;
 - 5 a solenoid having a magnetized shaft and a relay whereby the solenoid is connected to the housing; and
 - a shim connected to the compression arm where the shim is slidably engaged to move from a position between the shaft and relay to a position where the shim is not between the shaft and the relay.

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